

**2009 OCT-EU Forum**

**March 25 to March 26 2010**

HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA LE PALACE

Rue Gineste 3

1210 Brussels

Belgium

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**Wednesday, March 24 2010**

20.00 – 23.00: Dinner hosted by OCTA (venue and invitation will follow)

**Thursday, March 25 2010**

**FORUM DAY 1**

08.15 – 09.00: Registration of participants

09.00 – 09.15: Opening statement by the European Commissioner for Development Mr Andris Piebalgs

09.15 – 09.45: Interventions by the Chairman of the OCTA Ministerial Conference 2009 and the President of the OCTA Executive Committee

- Presentation of OCTAs Political Declaration

09.45 – 10.05: Future OCT-EU relations - Presentation by the European Commission - of the Communication "Elements for a new partnership between the EU and the OCTs"

10.05 – 10.30: Coffee break

10.30 – 13.00: Future OCT-EU relations

- Statement by the former Swedish presidency to the EU and the present Spanish Presidency on the Council Conclusion for the Future relations and the way ahead (tbc)
- Statement by Mr Maurice PONGA, Member of the EU Parliament (5 mn)
- Statements/reactions by the Delegations of the OCTs and the Member States (5 mn each)

13.00 – 14.45: Lunch break + group photo

14.45 – 17.00: Future OCT-EU relations

- Panel presentation on the 3 objectives of the new EU-OCT partnership, moderator Mr Clive STANBROOK.

- Enhancing OCTs competitiveness (Mr Kedrick Malone)
- Reducing the vulnerability of the OCTs and strengthening their resilience (Mr Stein Hansen)
- Promoting Cooperation (Mr Jean-Michel Salmon)
- Panel discussion
- Discussion continued in Plenum

18.30 – 20.00: Cocktail organized at the European Parliament by EU MP Maurice Ponga

<b>Friday, March 26 2010</b>
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## FORUM DAY 2

09.00 – 10.00: The new Treaty on the functioning of the EU and the possible changes and consequences for EU-OCT relations by Head Of Unit Isabelle GARZON, DG DEV

- Discussion

10.00 – 10.45 General presentation on the state of play of 9<sup>th</sup> EDF (DG DEV and AIDCO)

- Discussion

10.45 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45: General presentation on the state of play of 10th EDF (DG DEV and AIDCO)

- Discussion

12.45 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 14:30: Presentation of Synergies between EU funding instruments:

- State of play and future steps (DCI, EDF, [ENPI, IPA] etc.<sup>1</sup>) by Head of Unit J.-D. MALO (DG RTD)
- A comprehensive tool to find your way through the existing funding opportunities (RTD, DCI, EDF) by F. QUERTAIN (DG RTD)

14.30 – 15:30 Presentation of the research funding opportunities for OCTs:

- FP7, Capacities - Regions of Knowledge & Research Potential by I. BRACH, F. QUERTAIN and J. MIKITA (DG RTD)
- Discussion

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<sup>1</sup> DCI-Development & Cooperation Instrument; EDF-European Development Fund; ENPI-European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument (Horizon 2020); IPA-Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance

15.30 – 16.00: Statements by the Chairman of the OCTA 2010 ministerial conference and the new elected President of OCTA's Executive Committee

16.00 – 16.30: Conclusion of the Forum by the European Commission - Mr. Manservisi, Director General DG Development

16.30 – 17.00 Cocktail